

Red Aim: Civilian Police

Civilian police throughout the free world are a primary target for Communist infiltration and subversion.

Lt. Gen. C. P. Cabell, acting director of Central Intelligence, Washington, gave this warning in a talk yesterday at the opening general session of the 63rd annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Some 3,500 members of the group are attending a four-day meeting in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. All of the 48 United States are represented as well as a big portion of the free world.

NO BASIC CHANGE

Warning of the new, friendly about-face by Communist leaders, Cabell called the change "75 per cent atmospheric, 25 per cent tactical,

with zero modification of the basic structure and purpose of communism."

This new atmosphere, he said, "has a climate more than ever conducive to evil and destructive purposes" and as a softening-up campaign, is designed to facilitate eventual seizure of power.

Cabell warned that the Communists, in order to destroy a police force through massive infiltration, use two methods, sometimes simultaneously.

PRESENT METHODS

One is by infiltration from the top, by control of the ministry which governs the police, and the other by infiltration from below, the rank and file and intermediate levels of supervision.

Calling civilian police the

first line of defense against communism, Cabell said:

"The current Soviet strategy of reducing spiritual and political resistance to communism relies largely on undermining the spirit, effectiveness and alertness of domestic security and law enforcement agencies charged with the investigation and prosecution of Communists."

"In the free nations of the world, the people look to the public police forces for protection."

Cabell's talk followed one by Chief Walter E. Headley Jr., of Miami, Fla., IACP president, who cited the accomplishments of the group during the year and outlined a "personal platform" for members to follow in order to "build a stronger and better association and a stronger and better police service."